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Dear Senate Committee,

If something isn't broken, don't fix it. This maxim especially applies to Oregon's vote by mail system. Forcing people to appear in person to vote discriminates against people with mobility issues and/or poor health, the elderly, workers who may not have flexible schedules to get to polling places, and those folks without reliable transportation.

Details about the exceptional security of voting by mail are found here:

<https://electioninnovation.org/update/is-voting-by-mail-secure-and-how-can-i-know-my-mail-in-vote-is-counted/>

One of those points I'd like to highlight is: "Most jurisdictions allow members of the public and designated observers to watch the ballot counting process, including mail-in ballots, which ensures transparency." Voting by machine/computer does not allow the same level of transparency, and in fact, computers can be hacked to manipulate votes.

For these reasons, I strongly OPPOSE in-person voting. In this age of interference, we need to ensure voting processes are transparent and trackable. Please keep our vote by mail system.

Thank you!